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prêtez l'oreille m. l'employeur



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la fraude coûte cher

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Ces fraudes représentent pour la Caisse des pertes de millions de dollars chaque année.

Si certains employeurs n'étaient pas de connivence avec les employés dans la présentation des demandes, on pourrait, dès le début, refréner une grande partie des fraudes.

L'assurance-chômage a été établie pour éviter au travailleur les graves conséquences qu'entraîne la perte involontaire de son emploi. Cet objectif mérite bien d'être sauvegardé.

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Employers are paying for it in part. The fund can pay out only

what it takes in. Contributions are higher than they need

otherwise be because of thousands of fraudulent withdrawals,

Even those few cents out of the contributions for each

employee which represent the price of fraud, add up to a very

significant sum. Suppression of fraud is for the employer a

Most employers, like the spokesmen of labour, clearly recognize

that it is a personal responsibility to discourage an un-

scrupulous minority from putting valuable social legislation

The best way for employers to do something about it is to

make sure that entries on UIC Form 479 (Confirmation of

Separation) in regard to staff changes are both complete and

accurate. The prompt submission of such reports is the

principal employer contribution to the claims process. In

regard to Unemployment Insurance it is a top priority.

into public disrepute and reducing its effectiveness

way of cutting costs

Of course providing untrue information to the Unemployment

The staff of the LHC is doing its utmost to suppress fraud. Will

prompt payment of good claims and emphatic rejection of had

employed as a typist for three years. Being pregnant, she

decides to leave her job and devote her full time to her

Because she does not want to lose all her income, she

decides to apply for Unemployment Insurance benefit

undue benefit, is under the Act a criminal offence.

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Anyway it's not my money."

employer. He fully confirms her story.

In this case, although the insurance officer was certain there was fraudulent collusion, the UIC had no choice

She has no intention of doing work apart from house-

work so she is not eligible under the regulations for

benefit. However she persuades herself that, because she paid Unemployment Insurance for three years she is

She knows she must "sell" her case if she is to sustain

her claim to benefit She therefore persuades her

He goes along with this because, as he tells himself

"Mrs. A. is a good employee. She may come back later

interest: but they do represent an element of temptation. MRS. A is a young married woman who has been

The following are two typical lines of approach to avoid. They are against public interest and they are against employer

employees

Mr. B. was discharged by his employers for theft of company property. He then filed a claim for Unemployment Insurance benefit. He said he lost his joh "for breach of company regulations." The company confirmed this statement - and refused to

go into datails. Further inquiry by a UIC officer brought to light a company directive that "such matters should be hushed up."

The fact that information given to the UIC by employers is treated as confidential was explained

But the company refused its collaboration.

The result was that the claim had to be paid - with a drain on the fund of \$550.

M. B. a áté congádié pour avoir volé du matériel à son

renseignements que fournissent les employeurs: mais

Finally a word from Chief Commissioner J.M. DesRoches of

"Among employers there have been frequent abuses involving non-compliance with the Unemployment Insurance Act by failure to keep adequate records, overdue contributions to the fund and fraudulent collusion with

> "We must meet froud in every way we can It must quite apart from the financial effect on the fund be overcome so far as is humanly possible. To achieve maximum impact, the full collaboration of every employer of an insured person is nothing less than

Citons, en quisa de conclusion, un mot du commissaire en chef

sur l'assurance-chômage: ils ne tiennent pair les registres

personnes assuráes est essentielle."

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